

TIDINGS

NEWS & PROGRAMS IN YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring has Sprung!



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Programs for Adults

In-person (Limit of two barcodes per registrant):

Begins on Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 pm

Debit card, credit card, cash or check are accepted for in-person registration.

Online: Begins on Tuesday, March 4, at 5:45 pm

Debit or credit card is accepted for online payment. A password is no longer required.

Phone: Begins on Wednesday, March 5, at 9:30 am

Programs for Children and Teens


In-person and online:

Begins on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:30 pm

Phone: Begins on Wednesday, March 5, at 10:00 am

In-person programs, museum passes, Library of Things, and discount tickets are for Islip Library cardholders only.

PROGRAM SYMBOL

 = Food will be served that may contain allergens.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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PLEASE NOTE: Payment for programs with fees is due upon registration.

MARCH PROGRAMS

Reverse Canvas Shamrock

Saturday, March 8
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Fee: \$12

Make a 9 x 12 inch reverse canvas shamrock with Melissa from Paint Party, LI.



Nina Romano Presents Maybelle Carter: American Legend

Saturday, March 8

2:00 – 3:00 pm

In honor of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, join acoustic guitarist and vocalist Nina Romano, accompanied by bass guitarist Tim Smith. They will pay tribute to Maybelle Carter, a member of the original Carter Family, a beloved country band that formed in 1927. Maybelle, who played autoharp and banjo as well as being the group's guitarist, created a unique sound for the group with her innovative 'scratch' style of guitar playing.



Senior Advocate

Monday, March 10

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

An advocate from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will be available to answer your questions regarding senior programs, services, applications, referrals and more. Anyone with questions regarding services to seniors is welcome. **No registration is necessary for this one-on-one, walk-in service, but please call ahead to confirm that there are no changes in the Senior Advocate's schedule.**

Irish Soda Bread

Monday, March 10



1:00 – 2:00 pm

Fee: \$5

Everyone will make a loaf of Irish soda bread ready to take home and bake. **Please bring a large bowl, mixing spoon and baking pan to the program.**

Job Fair

No registration is required

Tuesday, March 11

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Join us for a job fair presented by the Suffolk County One Stop Employment Center. Representatives from public and private Long Island businesses and organizations will be in the Islip Public Library's Community Room to meet with you about potential employment. All job seekers are welcome!

Friday Afternoon Films: New Releases!

No registration is required

Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm

Note: Films will NOT be shown on March 21;
April 11, 18



March 14
We Live
in Time



March 28
Here



April 4
Wicked



April 25
Gladiator II

The Varick Trio

Sunday, March 16

1:00 – 2:00 pm

We are honored to welcome the very talented Varick Trio to perform a selection of 19th and 20th century violin, clarinet and piano music. Violinist Rachel Lim, pianist Kevin Kyaw, and clarinetist Guilherme Batalha are all highly accomplished musicians pursuing doctoral degrees at Stony Brook University. They have performed at venues throughout the United States and internationally, participated in music festivals throughout the world, and won prestigious awards at competitions on their respective instruments. Join us for a delightful afternoon of exquisite music.



Get Fit with Vicki

Wednesdays: March 26; April 2, 9, 16 9:30 – 10:30 am
Fee: \$20

Join instructor Vicki Luckman as she motivates you through a series of weight-bearing resistance, cardio, balance, coordination, and flexibility exercises set to music. All levels are welcome! Please bring: a water bottle, light hand weights (one to three pounds), a resistance band with handles, a small ball (the size of a grapefruit), and a scarf or handkerchief.

Beginner/Intermediate Sign Language

Saturdays: March 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19
10:00 – 11:30 am

Join instructor Laura Romer to learn basic and intermediate sign language, the manual alphabet, numbers, key words, conversational phrases and much more during this five-week class.

Coin and Stamp Appraisal

Saturday, March 22

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sign up for a 15-minute time slot with Frank McAlonon for a coin and stamp appraisal.

Your Home's Interior

Monday, March 24

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join Brian Schnee, Owner and Managing Operator of KL Home Inspection Services, as he discusses the following home interior topics: doors, including their locking mechanisms; wall construction and different wall covering materials; ceiling materials; flooring materials (VCT vs VAT); ceramic vs. porcelain tiles; and repair/update suggestions on all of the items presented.

Crystals Workshop

Tuesday, March 25

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join Psychic Intuitive Kathrine Mitchell and learn how to use the energy from crystals for healing, intuition, and reaching your true potential.

Defensive Driving

Saturday, March 29

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

or Friday, April 11

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$25 check or money order payable to New York Safety Training Associates (NYSTA) due on the day of the class.

All About Streaming

Monday, March 31

7:00 – 8:00 pm

In this in-person lecture and demonstration class, you will learn about different streaming services, what devices you need, what the subscription fees may be, and much more. The streaming platforms Hoopla and Kanopy, available for free with your Islip Library card, will also be discussed.



APRIL PROGRAMS

Fashion Talk: Coco Chanel

Tuesday, April 1

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join fashion historian and Islip patron, Frida McKeon, for a presentation on Coco Chanel. She will trace Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel's humble origins that inspire Chanel's understated elegance. With images from museum collections, you will get a close-up look at garments spanning the early 20th century to the present day.

Sympatico Ensemble

Sunday, April 6

1:30 – 2:45 pm

Enjoy an eclectic mix of nostalgic and current music made famous by Burt Bacharach, Sergio Mendes, Nina Simone, Etta James, Diana Krall and many others!



Titanic Tea

Tuesday, April 8

1:00 – 2:00 pm

April marks 113 years since the Titanic first set sail. Join Margaret Johnson as she weaves tea history and Titanic lore into a formal three-course menu that includes sandwiches and savories, scones, tea breads and decadent sweets, many based on period recipes. Tea and a sparkling beverage round out the menu. Bring your favorite teacup.

Miracles of the Mind:

A Unique Mind-Reading & Illusion Show

Tuesday, April 8

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join Robert McEntee for an extraordinary show blending mentalism, mesmerizing magic, and audience participation. Experience a hypnotic group induction, incredible memory feats, comedy, spellbinding stories, and musical routines. During the presentation, guests will receive tips on enhancing memory, intuition, reading speed, and mind-reading!

Tiny Art Painting

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Come in for a relaxing evening of painting mini canvases. Your tiny paintings will be exhibited in the Library's front entrance display case during the month of May.



Apple Support Group

Wednesday, April 16

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Have any questions or issues with your iPhone, iPad, or MacBook? Ask about them here with your fellow Apple users and Librarian James Klopp. Open to any skill level.

Introduction to Computers

Friday, April 25

10:30 – 11:30 am

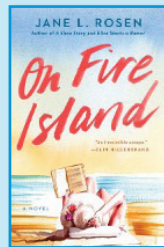
Come to this hands-on workshop with Librarian Dan Coster where you will learn basic mouse, keyboard and internet skills using a Library laptop. Bring your own laptop (if you have one) for a more personalized experience!



longislandreads



Author Jane Rosen will be honored at the Bayshore/Brightwaters Public Library on **Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 pm**. Tickets will be available beginning March 1 through the Long Island Reads website: <https://longislandreads.wordpress.com/>



Long Island Reads 2025 Book Discussion:

On Fire Island

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 – 8:30 pm

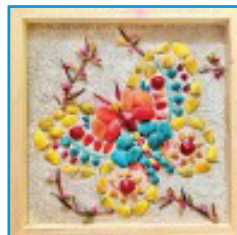
Join Librarian Laurie Aitken for a discussion of this year's Long Island Reads pick. Following our discussion, the author Jane Rosen will talk with us via Zoom.

Butterfly Sand and Seashell Craft

Monday, April 7

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Welcome spring with a unique sand and seashell butterfly craft, guided by renowned mixed media artist Anna Chan. Unlock your creative potential regardless of your level of expertise.



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ADULT PROGRAMS

Explore the Art of Pizza by Tano Tuesday, April 29 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join **Pizza by Tano** for a pizza-making demonstration and tasting, sprinkled with a little history about pizzerias and tips on making pizza dough.



Lunch and Learn: Spotting Scams and Staying Safe Wednesday, April 30

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Learn about common scams; how to spot and avoid them; tactics scammers use to target individuals; what to do if you are asked for personal information; and resources to help protect yourself and your family. Following the presentation, a light lunch will be served. Presented by AARP Community Programs.

Android/Windows Support Group Wednesday, April 30 7:00 – 8:00 pm

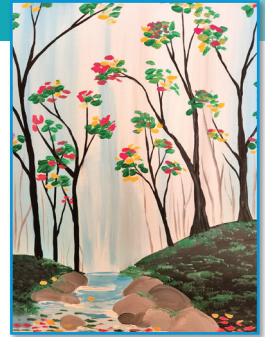
If you are having trouble with your Android mobile device or Windows laptop you can find help with this informal support group! Open to any skill level.



MAY PROGRAMS

Mother's Day Paint Night Monday, May 5 6:30 – 8:00 pm Fee - \$12

Join Kathy Reccardi and create this painting using acrylic paints on a 16 x 20 inch canvas.



BUS TRIPS

Please note that all trips are rain or shine



On-Your-Own Trip to NYC

Date: Saturday, April 5

Cost: \$11.00 per person for round-trip ticket

Cash, check, or money order payable to Islip Public Library

Meet at the Islip Train Station: 8:55 am

Registration begins on: Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 pm

Registration ends on: Sunday, March 30, at 4:00 pm

Travel at group discount on the Long Island Railroad, departing from the Islip train station. With your ticket you can return home ANYTIME the SAME DAY. On the day of the trip, please arrive at the Islip train station by 8:50 am where you will be issued your return ticket(s) by a Library staff member. Please make sure that you receive your return ticket(s) before you board the train. Everyone will board the 9:02 am train as a group and must sit in the FIRST CAR from Islip to Jamaica and from Jamaica to PENN STATION (change trains in Jamaica). Then you're on your own! Come home anytime that day (before midnight) leaving from either Penn Station or Grand Central.



Hudson River Cruise Aboard Pride of the Hudson

Saturday, May 10

Fee: \$170 per person payable by credit card, cash or check payable to Islip Public Library

Registration begins: Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 pm

Registration ends: Tuesday, April 1, at 9:00 pm

No refunds will be issued after Tuesday, April 1, unless your seat can be taken by someone else.

Bus departs Islip Library's Parking Lot: 9:30 am

Itinerary

- Arrive at Pride's Landing in Newburgh, New York, for the Pride of the Hudson two-hour cruise (1:00 – 3:00 pm).
- Enjoy the spacious sundeck or the comfort of their climate-controlled main salon featuring huge wrap-around windows as you pass Bannerman's Island, Cold Spring, Storm King Mountain, Breakneck Mountain, and West Point.
- Following our cruise, enjoy an early (3:30 pm) dinner at Blu Pointe Restaurant in Newburgh.
- Approximate return time: 8:00 pm.



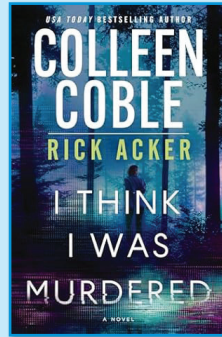


BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

I Think I Was Murdered
by
Colleen Coble
& Rick Acker

"A fast-paced thriller with a focus on the evolution of AI and family drama. Recommended for fans of psychological thrillers."

~ Greg Klein



The Next Mrs. Parrish
by Liv Constantine

"This gripping psychological thriller delves into themes of deceit and ambition. The story follows the life of a woman who becomes entangled in a dangerous web of lies after marrying her wealthy husband. As she uncovers dark secrets about his past, the tension builds to a shocking climax that keeps readers on the edge of their seats." ~ Mrs. V



LIBRARY NEWS

EARLY SPRING EDITION

MARCH/APRIL 2025

HELPFUL TIPS FOR REGISTERING WITH *LibraryCalendar* TIPS

In January, the Islip Public Library introduced a new program registration platform. *LibraryCalendar* is an enhanced and user-friendly system of registering online for Library programs. Here are a few tips on navigating the registration process:

- A password will no longer be required to register for programs, but you still need your Library barcode number.
- For children's programs and bus trips, select "Add Another" to register additional participants under the same card.
- If you filter the calendar by age group, open each program in a new tab or window so that it does not reset.
- If you cancel a paid program online or via text, please contact the Library.

Thank you for your assistance and patience as we transition to the new system. If you have any questions about *LibraryCalendar*, please contact the Library at 631-581-5933.

**THE ISLIP LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025
9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM**

ON EXHIBIT

March | Gallery Hallway

Students from the Islip Middle School will showcase their delightful art pieces.

BEYOND THE BOOKS

DOWNLOAD & STREAM



Libby

Offers thousands of ebooks and audiobooks.



Hundreds of digital magazines to choose from.



Streaming movies, music, ebooks and TV shows.



Offers over 30,000 ad-free movies, documentaries, and educational videos.

DISCOUNT TICKETS

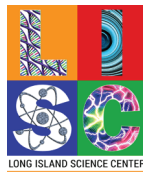
- **Half-price ticket vouchers to the Gateway Performing Arts Center of Suffolk County.**



- **Long Island Aquarium**
\$39.00 adult tickets
\$28.00 children's tickets



- **Long Island Science Center**
\$10 per ticket



LIBRARY OF THINGS

Scan the QR code or go to www.isliplibrary.org to see our entire Library of Things collection.

Check out these *things* for spring!



Bicycle repair kit



Binoculars



Happy Birthday Sign



Connect 4



Telescope



MUSEUM PASSES

The Library has museum passes that grant you entrance into museums and parks for free. Prior to your visit, contact the location for hours of operation.



Scan the QR code for a direct link to passes and tickets.

- **9/11 Memorial and Museum**
- **Empire Pass**
- **Fire Island Lighthouse**
- **Horton's Flower Farm**
- **Long Island Children's Museum**
- **Children's Museum of the East End**
- **Raynham Hall**
- **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex**
- **Cradle of Aviation**
- **Old Westbury Gardens**
- **Nassau County Firefighters Museum**

PREMIER DATABASES



- **Ancestry:** Genealogy research in-house
- **Islip High School Yearbooks online:** Genealogy
- **Brainfuse:** Tutoring
- **Brainfuse/JobNow:** Job search
- **Consumer Reports:** Product reviews
- **Universal Class:** Enrichment learning

Children's Programs

PLEASE SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION



RUNNING LATE TO YOUR PROGRAM? CALL AHEAD TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten or 1KB4K Club!

Reading to your children, from birth through five years, is an important step in helping them acquire the skills they need to be ready to read. The library is available to create a love of reading. Register to participate at the Children's Desk.



MONTH OF MARCH: Lucky Shamrocks Scavenger Hunt

A leprechaun has scattered shamrocks throughout the Children's Room!

Prizes will be awarded to those that find all of the lucky shamrocks.



Drawn to the Library

Celebrate National Library Week

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Sunday, April 6 – Saturday, April 12

Tropical Adventure Day

Tuesday, April 8
Ages infant – 12 years
with caregiver

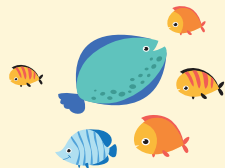
9:00 am – 9:00 pm
No registration is required

Paddle a canoe or catch a ride on the biggest wave to the Islip Public



Library! Join us in the Children's Room for a memorable day filled with fun activities, colorful decorations, crafts, and a visit from a very special Wayfinder. Hang ten!

- **Hei Hei for a Day Scavenger Hunt:** This mischievous rooster is hiding in the Children's Room. Find our feathery friend and get a prize!
- **Crafts for our smallest islanders:** Color a canoe and sandcastle.
- **Crafts for our school-age islanders:** Create tissue paper tropical fish, colorful sand art in a bottle, and more, while supplies last!
- **Activities:** Connect Four, karaoke, and Wayfinder Princess meet and greet.



Pre-K Baseball

Wednesday, April 9
6:00 – 6:45 pm
Recommended for ages
36 months – 5 years with
caregiver



Lil' Athletes will teach your child the fundamentals of baseball. Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

Writing Contest

Grades K – 5

- Come to the Children's Desk and pick up a blank book starting on Monday, March 10, while supplies last.
- Write and illustrate your own story and submit it to a children's librarian by Saturday, April 12, for a chance to win a prize. One entry per child.
- Three winners will be announced on Monday, April 14, for children in grades kindergarten through first grade, second through third grade, and fourth through fifth grade.
- Winning entries will be catalogued and displayed in the Children's Department for one year for guests to borrow.

Wayfinder Princess Meet and Greet

Tuesday, April 8

Ages infant – 12 years with caregiver

No registration is required

Listen to the Wayfinder Princess read a story and then have a picture taken with her!

5:30 – 7:30 pm

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MARCH PROGRAMS

If you do not want us to use a photo or video of your child, please notify a librarian.

Ultimate Playdate

Mondays: March 10, 17, 24 and 31
10:00 – 10:45 am OR 11:00 – 11:45 am OR
5:45 – 7:00 pm

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver
Please register for one time slot. This registers you for all four dates.

Ultimate Playdate is fun for all! Children will connect with other children while enjoying our fun toys in unstructured play.

Family Bingo

Monday, March 10 6:00 – 6:45 pm

Recommended for grades K – 5 with caregiver

Looking for something fun to do with the family? Join us for Family Bingo!

Purple Chair Storytime

No registration is required

Tuesday, March 11

10:30 – 11:00 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

Stop by the big purple chair for a storytime filled with books and music!



Build a Leprechaun Trap

Tuesday, March 11

Grades K – 2

It's almost St. Patrick's Day! Let's build a trap to set up at home, and try to catch a leprechaun! Snacks will be served.

5:30 – 6:15 pm

Superhero Training Academy

Wednesday, March 12

Grades K – 2

It's a bird...it's a plane...it's you! Show off your superpowers as you enjoy different activities based on your favorite comic book heroes. Snacks will be served.

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Art for Two

Thursday, March 13

Recommended for grades K – 5 with caregiver

Something new!! Let's paint together without a paintbrush using various household items and one large canvas to share. Kathy Reccardi will guide each pair every step of the way. Multiple school-age siblings can be accommodated.

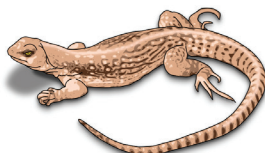
6:30 – 7:15 pm

Amazing Animals

Saturday, March 15

Recommended for ages 36 months – 12 years with caregiver

Join the *Center for Science Teaching and Learning* and find out about animal adaptations, lifestyles, and conservation in the best way possible: by meeting some live animals face-to-face! An assortment of small reptiles, invertebrates and mammals will be here to meet you.



11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Musical Mother Goose

Tuesday, March 18

10:00 – 10:30 am

Recommended for ages infant – 24 months with caregiver

Have fun with songs, fingerplays, rhymes and more using puppets and props.

Fingerpaint Fun

Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 – 6:30 pm OR

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 – 11:00 am

Recommended for ages infant –

5 years with caregiver

Please register for one session

Join us as we paint away the time using our fingers, stencils, rollers and more. *Veggie Baby* fingerpaints are available for our youngest guests. Dress for a mess.



Spy Secrets

Wednesday, March 19

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades 3 – 5

What is Morse code? How does invisible ink work? Uncover the tricks of the trade as we explore what it takes to be a secret agent.

Chess Club

Thursday, March 20

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Grades K – 5

Learn key strategies from a chess master from *NY Chess Academy* in this introductory program. We have chess sets in the Children's Room for you to use whenever we are open!

Pete the Cat's Cool Cat Storytime

Saturday, March 22

11:00 – 11:45 am

Recommended for grades K – 2 with caregiver

Hey cool cats, join Ms. Toni for a special *Pete the Cat* storytime and craft. Plus learn how to dance the Cool Cat Boogie!



Tech Club: Fun with 3D Pens & Cubelets

Tuesday, March 25

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades 3 – 5

Make a spring ornament with 3D pens and combine Cubelets to create amazing robots that perform different functions.

Broadway Bigs

Wednesday, March 26

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades K – 2

Participating in theater can greatly benefit your child's development, helping them become more empathetic and better at expressing their emotions. Join Aly Leonard and Nicki Winzelberg of *Drama with Your Mama* as we play theater games.



DRAMA WITH YOUR MAMA
A PARENT AND ME THEATER CLASS

The Incredible Puzzle Challenge

Monday, March 31

3:00 – 3:45 pm

Grades 2 – 5

We will split up into teams and assemble puzzles in a fun competition. All participants will receive a prize!

APRIL PROGRAMS

Farm Frolics

Tuesday, April 1

10:00 – 10:30 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

We love going to the farm and seeing our animal friends! Let's dance, craft and play in activities inspired by the farm.

Paintbrush Palooza:

Magical Rabbit Painting

Tuesday, April 1

6:30 – 7:15 pm

Grades K – 5

Let's grab a brush and paint as Kathy Reccardi guides you each step of the way.



Hidden Pictures

Wednesday, April 2

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Recommended for ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver

Join *A Time for Kids* in this family-friendly preschool program. Activities include: music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and storytelling. Make a craft too!

Bird's Nest Cookies

Thursday, April 3

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades 1 – 5

There is no better way to celebrate spring than creating delicious cookies with *Fanny Cakes*!



Drama with Your Mama

Saturday, April 5

10:30 – 11:15 am

Recommended for ages 2 – 5 years with caregiver

Theater professionals Aly Leonard and Nicki Winzelberg will engage young performers through acting, live music, storytelling, imaginative play and dance.

National Library Week

Sunday, April 6 – Saturday, April 12

Please see box on page seven for details.



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Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

Gather around the purple chair for stories, songs, and fun!



Once Upon a STEM Challenge

Wednesday, April 16

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades K – 2

Join us for classic fairy tales with a STEM twist! Help Rapunzel run away from the tower by building her a creative escape route.

Spring Sensory Playtime

Saturday, April 19

10:30 – 11:00 am

Recommended for ages 48 months – 8 years with caregiver

Engage all of your senses in fun playtime. Play with sensory bins, make a craft, and more!

Dinosaurs: Long Island Science Center

Monday, April 21

3:30 – 4:15 pm

Grades K – 2

Have fun learning all about dinosaurs and make a fossil to take home!

Gross Anatomy: Long Island Science Center

Monday, April 21

4:30 – 5:15 pm

Grades 3 – 5

Learn about all the ways your body uses yucky substances, sounds, and smells to keep you healthy and safe. Make something cool and yucky to take home!

LED Kawaii Nightlight

Wednesday, April 23

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades 2 – 5

Lisa Colon shows you how to create your own LED nightlight with a touch of sparkle. You will smile every time you see it!

Tiny Art Challenge

Monday, April 28

6:30 – 7:15 pm

Grades 3 – 5

It is time for our Tiny Art Challenge! This year's theme is *Summer Breeze*. We are having a library-wide Tiny Art Show in May, and your artwork will be featured in the exhibit. Tiny art is terrific!

Magnetic Poetry Masters

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades 3 – 5

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating your own personalized set of magnetic poetry.

MAY PROGRAMS

BenAnna Band

Saturday, May 3 11:00 – 11:45 am

Recommended for ages infant – 7 years with caregiver

Come join *BenAnna Band* for a family-friendly concert! Kids will go bananas for this high energy musical duo that will have kids and adults singing, dancing, and playing along on live instruments!

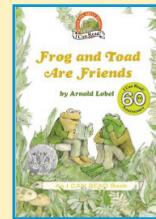


Kids' Book Talk

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel

"This is a really fun book because it has five different stories in it. I like all the stories, but my favorite is *The Letter*. Toad is very sad that he has never gotten any mail, and Frog tries to cheer him up by sending him a letter. The problem is that he asks a snail to deliver the letter. If you like funny books about animals, you will love this book, too!"

~ Carlece Verity, age 3





TEEN Programs

For Teens in Grades 6 – 12

SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Battle of the Books

Calling all readers! Teens will read six books and then compete in a trivia battle against other libraries on Long Island. **Battle of the Book sessions will begin the first week of May!** If you are interested in participating in **Battle of the Books**, please sign up at the Reference Desk.



Sunday April 6 – Saturday, April 12

Stop by the Library each day for a chance to enter your name in the Library Week giveaway!

Scavenger Hunt – Drop in to the Teen Department all week to take part in our **Teen Scavenger Hunt**. All teens who participate will win a prize!

LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS

Monday, April 7

Check out our Teen Librarian Ms. Kelly's favorite books, with our super cool display located right outside the Teen Room.

Tuesday, April 8



3:00 – 4:00 pm

Get to know our Teen Librarian, Ms. Kelly! Play some games and enjoy some snacks!

Wednesday, April 9

Stop into the Teen Room for an afternoon of DIY crafts with our new makerspace cart! All supplies included!

Movie Night

Thursday, April 10



6:00 – 8:00 pm

Join Ms. Kelly for a movie night on the big screen! Movie will be voted on by the teens. Snacks will also be served.

Teen Appreciation Day!

Friday, April 11



Stop by the Reference Desk after school for a special treat!

MARCH PROGRAMS

Virtual Reality Night!

Thursday, March 6

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Come enjoy a fun night with friends as we play virtual reality games!



Thumbprint

Pot O'Gold

Wednesday,

March 12

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come make a special craft in honor of St. Patrick's Day!



Craft & Chill

Wednesdays:


March 19; April 16

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come in and use our art supplies! Make a masterpiece, or a hot mess. Either way, stop in for a fun afternoon with friends! For the April 16th session, teens will make **tiny art canvases that will be displayed in the front lobby in May!**



APRIL PROGRAMS

Cupcakes & Canvas Night 
Thursday, April 17
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come enjoy a night of cupcakes and decorating your own canvas!



Taste Test: Pringles 
Tuesday, April 22

Guess the flavors of the Pringle chip!

3:00 – 4:00 pm

MAY PROGRAMS

Mother's Day Gift
Thursday, May 8 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Shhh...it's a surprise! Come in and make a Mother's Day gift for your mom, aunt, grandma, or any other special lady in your life!



TEENSHIP BOXES

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The next set of Teenship boxes will be given out on April 1st. Registration for these boxes will begin on Saturday, March 1st. The theme for April is "Taylor Swift."



BOOK TALK STAFF PICK

Love & Lattes
by Beth Reekles

"In this romance novel, Annalise Sherwood celebrates landing her dream internship by going out with friends and sharing an unforgettable kiss with a mystery guy. She thinks they will never meet again, but the mystery guy turns out to be the CEO's son. Will Annalise follow her heart and risk it all, or will she let love pass her by? Find out in this captivating read!

~ Anna Howard



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tech Buddies

Wednesday, March 5

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come help adult patrons with their latest devices including: laptops, iPhones, Androids, etc. **Teens will earn one hour of community service.**

Ultimate Playdate Buddies

Mondays: March 10, 17, 24, 31

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Help us organize the playroom and clean the toys. **Teens will earn one hour of community service.**

Seed Sorters/Sun-Safe Bags

Thursday, March 27

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Come help us sort seeds for our seed library! Also, help us make our newly introduced "sun-safe" kits for all our gardeners! **Teens will earn two hours of community service!**

"Thank You" Bags

Thursday, April 3

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Make "thank you" goodie bags and personalized notes for our Library staff in honor of "National Library Week." **Teens will earn one hour and a half of community service.**

Authors Unlimited

Saturday, April 5

St. Joseph's College

Please note that this is an outside program run by the Suffolk County Library System. Authors Unlimited is an event meant for tweens and teens in grades 5 - 12. By attending the event and filling out a survey at the end of the day, attendees can receive three hours of community service credits. If you are interested, please see Ms. Kelly at the Reference Desk.



Teen Think Tank

Monday, April 14

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Get involved in the Library by joining our Teen Think Tank. Hear about our upcoming programs and help us plan ahead for our fall programs! All ideas are welcome! **Teens will earn one hour of community service.**



Book Recommendations

Calling all teens! Are you interested in reading new teen books and writing a review for your peers? Teens can choose ANY book from our new book selection. Guidelines are available at the Reference Desk. **Teens will earn two hours of community service credit for reading the book and giving a one-page review.**





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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
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Sundays: 12:00 – 4:00 pm
*Hours are subject to change.

Board Meetings

2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm

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FROM THE HELM

Mary Schubart, Library Director

Young Readers Devour Digital Content but Still Read Print Books

Gen Z, the demographic ages 13 – 28, has come of age in a world dominated by media and suffused in content. This generation also grew up when ebooks burst onto the scene, and many “knowledgeable” people predicted that the collision of an internet-saturated generation with ebooks would lead to the extinction of the print book.

Gen Zers’ preoccupation with devouring, sharing and creating digital content has not played out as forecasted. In fact, print book sales have risen by 10-14% over the last three years – impressive for an industry that was predicted to fall off a cliff. That the sales are even partially driven by a generation of young people that we thought couldn’t get off their phones is remarkable. Digital media may define Gen Z lives, but the focus on digital content doesn’t extend to ebooks. A consumer forecasting analyst, Deloitte, found that “Kindles and similar e-readers were more popular with the older generations we surveyed, whereas younger people were as interested in print, or more, than their older fellow readers.”

I recently visited a Barnes & Noble. It was packed with Gen Zers carrying, requesting and buying books. Many had come in groups. Bookstores, I thought, have become what malls once were to young people – an “event,” a community gathering spot, a place to engage with peers, not to mention trusted sellers who can highlight book titles that wouldn’t necessarily pop up from online algorithms.

We are seeing these trends play out at the Library. Middle and high school students are flocking in to engage with our librarians, to earn volunteer hours, to get book recommendations, to study, and to enjoy their posse of peers in a relaxed atmosphere. They only infrequently seek out computers. We want to encourage their interest in reading, and to foster a love of public libraries where they can experience the joy of discovering new titles, enjoy an unplugged gathering spot, and feel a sense of community. To that end, the Library is investigating ways to refresh our teen space and to meet Gen Zers in their sweet spot where the digital and the non-digital intersect. Stay tuned in the months to come....

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